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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before paragraph 1, please insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of PCT  
Application No. PCT/CH99/00298 filed July 6, 1999.--

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 34182.

Respectfully submitted,  
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